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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Yoram Gat

Application No: 10/815,896

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For: Image Segmentation Using Branch  
and Bound Analysis

Examiner: HUNG, Yubin

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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**  
**(Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.104 (e))**

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Sir or Madam:

Applicant hereby provides comments on the statement of reasons for allowance in  
this matter.

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As an initial matter, the undersigned would like to thank the Examiner for the Examiner's thorough review of the above-captioned application and the allowance of claims 1-9, 11-15, 17, 18, 22, and 24-30 (to be renumbered as claims 1-24) in the Notice of Allowability, mailed June 26, 2008.

With regard to the Notice of Allowability, the undersigned submits herein a statement commenting on the reasons for allowance and respectfully requests that such statement be made of record.

*Statement Commenting on the Reasons for Allowance*

The Examiner, in the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance, may have referenced paraphrased limitations from allowed claims 1, 18, and 25 with regard to the extraction of states. To clarify the record for anyone who may later view the file wrapper in this application, the undersigned would like to emphasize that each claim should not be construed to include the limitations listed by the Examiner in the reasons for allowance. Rather, each claim should be construed to include only those limitations explicitly recited in the language of the claim.

Respectfully submitted,

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